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ENTERTAINMENT.

THEATRE ROYAL.

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THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

will produce a Pantomime entitled, THE YELLOW DWARF.

HARLEQUIN, THE KNAVE OF HEARTS, and the FAIR PRINCESS.

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SATURDAY, 30th "
MONDAY, 31st "
WEDNESDAY, 1st "
SATURDAY, 4th "

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Performance at 8.30 P.M. precisely.

Half Price to Soldiers and Sailors in uniform to the Pit.

The Ticket Office at the Theatre is now open and Seats can be booked from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. every day, Sundays and General Holidays excepted.

Late Trains to the Peak a quarter of an hour after fall of the curtain.

E. W. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [2650]

THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALDONIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 7, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 29th of December, 1893, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1893.

LUTGENS, EINHARTMAN & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [2718]

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FINAL INSTALLMENT of \$30 per Share on the Shares in above Company, becomes due on the Thirty-first day of December next, and payment thereof must be made to the Bankers of the Company, viz., the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before that date.

JAEHINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 26th November, 1893. [2553]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that under the Statute passed and confirmed on the 5th and 25th days of June, 1897, the undersigned General Managers did on the 30th day of November, 1898, issue a FINAL CALL of \$10 per Share on account of the price of the Shares and a FINAL CALL of \$5.00 on account of the premium for cash, and that such CALLS are PAYABLE at the OFFICES of the General Managers, No. 9, PRINCE CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 1st January, 1899.

Upon payment of such Calls and Production of the Certificates for the Shares in respect of which the same are paid, fully paid up Certificates will be issued in exchange for provisional scrips.

Dated the 1st December, 1898.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [2561]

VICTORIA LITHOGRAPHIC WORKS, KENNEDY TOWNS, HONGKONG.

THIS Establishment is now OPENED with full plant of NEW MACHINERY, and is prepared to receive Order for plans, Views, Circuits, or any other class of Work.

Orders will be received at the Office No. 43, Wyndham Street, Care of Messrs. ARABATON V. ARAB & CO.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1898. [2515]

NAVY LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League will take place in the St. ANDREW'S HALL TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 23rd December, 1893, at 5.15 P.M.

E. W. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary pro tem. Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [2778]

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., at 8 for 9 P.M., precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. The quality is improved. [2753]

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PROF. H. WINTER.

THE GREAT AMERICAN INDIAN EXPERT, Warrants to Care Hard and Soft Corns, Bunions, In-growing Nails, and Warts. Guarantees to take them out without pain or drawing blood, and further, guarantees to perform a perfect cure.

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He is now on his tour around the world, and has just arrived from India and will visit until 1st JANUARY at Thomas's Grill Room, No. 4.

Office hours from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Consultation free of charge.

Those who wish Mr. Winter to visit them, will please send their address, and he will call on Mondays and Fridays, between 2 and 3 P.M. CHARLES MODERATE. Private interviews will be given between 1 and 3 P.M. Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [2737]

AVERY'S PLATFORM SCALES.

NEW SHIPMENT JUST RECEIVED.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. SOLE AGENTS. Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [2747]

AUCTIONS.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 508.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the spot, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 23rd day of December, 1893, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office. Hongkong, 10th December, 1893. [2739]

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction, to be held THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 23rd day of December, 1893, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Containing in Acres.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1	Wai Kwoi Road, Kowloon (near Grand)	794 ft. 4 in. by 1052 ft. 14 in.	5.172	68	\$53

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 24th December, 1893, at 2.30 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, No. 81A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, AN ASSORTMENT OF SILVER, TEA CUTS, FISH KNIVES, AND FORKS, CHINA CUPS, MUGS, NAPKIN RINGS, ORNAMENTS, &c. &c.

Also an ASSORTMENT OF IVORE CARVINGS, FIGURES, FIRE SCREENS, JEWELLERY BOXES, CARD CASES, PHOTOFRAMES, PATHEO CUPBILLS, HAND GLASSES, ORNAMENTS, &c. &c.

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C. M. BHESANIA & CO., 5, Lyndhurst Terrace. Hongkong, 23rd December, 1893. [2715]

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

THE SUPERBNESS of the ASILE de CHRISTMAS is the holding of the Annual Bazaar this year, but also will be very pleased to receive her friends and any member of the Community at the Convent, where happy and other new-year presents just received from Europe are on view for sale.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [2749]

NAVY LEAGUE.

DINNER TO LORD CHARLES BERNARD.

A DINNER will be given to Lord CHARLES BERNARD by the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League on TUESDAY, the 3rd of January, 1894, at 8 P.M. All Members and Associates who wish to be present are requested to send in their names to the Undersigned as soon as possible.

Hon. Secretary pro tem. Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [2777]

KOWLOON EXTENSION.

JUST RECEIVED.

A NEW MAP OF HONGKONG, KOWLOON, AND ADJACENT TERRITORIES showing the Boundary under the New Convention, with the Towns, Villages, &c. Prepared from Authoritative Sources and Printed in Colors. Price \$1. To be had at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd. Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 21st October, 1893. [2313]

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For COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, BRONCHITIS, and all Diseases of the CHEST and LUNGS.

Price \$1 per Bottle.

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CHOCOLATE FRAMES, CHOCOLATE NOUVEAUX, CHOCOLATE FINECHOC, CHOCOLATE ALMOND, BEST PÂCHERIE, CHOCOLATE MONTAGNE, CHOCOLATE CROQUANTS, CHOCOLATE NOUGAT SQUARE, &c. &c. &c. DRAGERS, CHOCOLATE, DRAGERS VEGETABLES, FRUITING, JUGUES, NOUVEAUX NATURES CHOCOLATE, NOUVEAUX NATURES, PISTACHES, FONDANTS, FOURRES, PANACHES, MOYACON, MASCOTTE, DATES, FONDANTS, BICOCHES, &c. &c. &c.

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Telephone No. 75. CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., SOLE AGENTS. [a29]

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SUI HEUNG PO, Proprietor. [1899]

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"BOA VISTA" HOTEL MACAO.

THE FIRST CLASS HOTEL in the day resort. Very modern. Terms by the MACAO is distant 40 miles West of Hongkong and the journey is made each day (SUNDAYS excepted) by the Magnificent Saloon Steamer "HONGKONG" in 3 hours, leaving Hongkong at 2 P.M. and Macao at 5 A.M. Connection made by Company's Steamer to and from Canton.

Tourists should not miss the chance of visiting this famous City.

For Terms, apply THE MANAGER. Telegraphic Address, "Boavista." [2116]

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A NEW large 3-story building has been specially built in place of the old well-famed establishment. It is pleasantly situated in the centre of PRATA GRANDE, facing south, commanding a charming view of the sea on the front. All Bed-rooms well furnished and comfortable. Cuisine Excellent. Terms Moderate. L. HING KEE, Proprietor. Telegraphic address "Hingkee." [1820]

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GOOD ACCOMMODATION, Excellent Cuisine. Every CONVENIENCE for TOURISTS. MADAM & FARMER, T. F. de CRUZ, Proprietors. Telegraphic address: "Victoria." A. B. C. Code used. Canton, 1st November, 1893. [2345]

AMOY HOTEL, KULANSSO ISLAND.

THE Proprietor of this First-Class Establishment begs to inform the public that he is now prepared to receive visitors. The Hotel is very nicely situated and commands a magnificent view over the harbour. Special attention is given to the Cuisine and the best of Wines are supplied.

R. ZOELLNER, Proprietor. Telegraphic Address: AMOY HOTEL. [2673]

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TIME TABLE.

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ARRIVALS.

Dec. 23, TAIWAN, British steamer, 2,000, R. Nelson, Kobe 21st December, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 26, GERMANY, German steamer, 1,714, Moller, Saigon 20th December, Rios—Jensen & Co.

Dec. 28, BORNEO, Italian steamer, 1,499, G. Delanga, Singapore 17th Dec, General—CARLOWITZ & CO.

Dec. 27, KORUMBA, British steamer, 1,935, H. Elia, Calcutta 7th December, Forming 14th, and Singapore 18th, Opium and General—DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Dec. 27, OSTRO, Norwegian steamer, 778, Chr. Pedersen, Aarhus 25th Dec, General—M. A. de Souza & Co.

Dec. 27, AERBY, Norw. str., 075, F. Elliger, Hongay 24th Dec, Coal—SANDER, WIESEN & Co.

Dec. 27, HALLAN, French steamer, 377, Bast, Pakhoi 25th Dec, General—A. R. MARK.

Dec. 27, ARIST, Norwegian str., 941, Raten, Canton 27th Dec, General—CHRISTEN.

Dec. 27, FLORENCE, Italian steamer, Capt. C. V. de M. Cowper, Hilo 22nd December.

Dec. 27, Dr. HANS J. KRAH, Norw. str., 691, Leabryggen, Tamsui 25th Dec, Hainan, OZAKIYASU, Japanese steamer, 1,237, Lorenz, Dec. 27, LOVAL, German str., 1,237, Lorenz, Hilo 21st Dec, Sugar and Wood—CARLOWITZ & CO.

Dec. 27, JASON, British steamer, 1,613, W. C. Lynch, Nagasaki 17th Dec, and Hilo 28th, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 27, MONKUT, British str., 859, A. S. Calder, Saigon 21st Dec, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 27, TAIWAN, German str., 977, A. Bordin, Rotterdam 29th Oct, Coals—JENSEN & Co.

Dec. 27, TATEKAWA, Japanese str., 2,689, Yamanashi, Nagasaki 17th Dec, Coal—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Dec. 27, OMI MARY, Japanese str., 1,333, A. E. Moss, Nagasaki 23rd Dec, General—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

CLEARANCES.

At THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE. 27th December.

None.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 25, LOVAL, Haverhill bark, for New York.

Dec. 26, CHONGHAI, British str., for Shanghai.

Dec. 27, C. H. KIAN, British str., for Amoy.

Dec. 27, HUANAN, British str., for Shanghai.

Dec. 27, YENKOW, British str., for Shanghai.

Dec. 27, EXTREMO, German str., for Canton.

Dec. 27, MIKKA MARI, Jap. str., for Bombay.

Dec. 27, MESSPO, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

Dec. 27, MALACCA, British str., for Shanghai.

Dec. 27, BRITIC, British str., for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

ABSENT.

Per Talyan, from Kobe, Mrs. Nelson.

Per Germania, from Saigon, 100 Chinese.

Per Kowloon, from Calcutta, &c. Mr. J. O'Donnell, Madame Najid Ali and wife, Jouskar Rang Shah, m.k., and 473 Chinese.

Per Omi Mary, from Nagasaki, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Theodor, Mr. and Mrs. Yamanashi, Japanese Consul for Sydney, Mr. G. Kinch.

DEPARTED.

Per Belgic, for Manila, Capt. G. C. Cornwell, U.S.N., Lieut. J. S. V. S. J. H. Bell

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DEATH.

At 5, Richmond Terrace, Hongkong, on the 25th December, Mary Gossage, the beloved wife of Captain G. W. Gossage, R.N., and daughter of George Allen Butler, Esq., Westfield House, Braintree, Northamptonshire, England. [2794]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, December 28th, 1893.

It is a nation we have known to resist, and mightily so, may state interference with trade; nor, as a rule, are we inclined to depend much upon state help in our commercial relations with other countries; but when we make up our minds that such state assistance both desirable and necessary it then becomes every individual's business to see that we get it and not put off with some substitute by a department of our Government which after all, has its being to further the progress of the people whose voice it is. Some time back there was a growing feeling that something must be done to bring the manufacturer and also the buyer of Chinese produce at home into closer relationship with the needs of his Chinese buyers in the one case and the source of his supplies in the other. The Blackstone Commission and Lord Curzon's Commission's Mission are both the outcome of this feeling. It was strongly urged that we should have a commercial attaché in China to gather information and to generally conduct a Bureau of Trade. The Government, feeling forced to do something in the face of this strong expression of public feeling, appointed the Consul-General in Shanghai to take up the duties of commercial attaché in addition to his other work, paying him an extra £100 a year for doing it. There is probably no one who would refuse to acknowledge that it is impossible for one man to conduct both offices in a satisfactory manner, no matter how industrious he might be; and it is not difficult to see which duties are the most likely to be shelved in the pressing needs of every day work. The deduction to be drawn from this state of things is that we should find of all decide, do we or do we not require a commercial attaché in China? and if the reply is in the affirmative—as it undoubtedly is, from the fact that the appointment was only made in deference to strong public representation—then see that we get a suitable man and pay him a sufficient salary. This would be more in accordance with our traditions than the present state of things, which is a disgrace to the Foreign Office who conceived it and the people in whose interests the appointment was made.

In using the term commercial attaché we perhaps commit the fault of using a French word where an English one would do, but it is by no means our idea that a French interpretation should be put upon the duties attached to the post in question. What is required, and what we should insist on having, is a man thoroughly conversant with China and its language and with a natural bent for the subject he is to take up. He should have his headquarters at one of the principal ports—Shanghai would without doubt be the most suitable—must be in close correspondence with the various Consulate throughout China, over whom, in commercial matters, he would exercise certain control, sufficient at least to ensure the researches and efforts of those gentlemen being directed into the right and most profitable channels. All trade reports would be sent to him and a summary of the important points, as far as trade is concerned, made from them and placed, in a complete and readable form, at the disposal of merchants and manufacturers at home, who in their turn would be able to supply information and make suggestions, confident that in doing so their communications would receive attention and prompt reply, which under the present system is impossible. It is the experience of not a few merchants both at home and abroad to read through a Consular trade report and see that the import of woollen cloth of 20 per cent, or the amount of cotton yarn increased by 10 per cent, over the previous year, and to accept the fact as being of a certain amount of interest from an abstract point of view, but practically valueless. He (the merchant) has sold as much as he can and the fact of the increase or decrease cannot affect him in any way; and, moreover, if he is of an enquiring turn of mind and has time to go through all the trade reports he will probably find that the increase or decrease in the case may be in perhaps due to the special port reported on to the raising or lowering of provincial taxation on that trade route. In the case of buyers of exports the difficulty of obtaining the required information frequently stops what would otherwise prove profitable business. We now have before us a letter which has been following one of our Consuls about China for the best part of a year, as it was known by the firm at home that the Consul in question was familiar with, and in fact, had made a study of the product about which they were desirous of getting information. Had this firm been able to write to such a department as we suggest should be established, the latest and fullest information on the subject would have been at once placed at their disposal, with the result that buyer and seller would have been brought together at least nine months earlier than was actually the case.

The Customs Returns do in a measure supply information such as that required by the first above mentioned, but they cannot, from the nature of things, take the place of the returns which a commercial attaché would quickly have available for public information. The Customs Returns, valuable as they are, yet leave a good deal to be desired, as anyone can testify who has tried to ascertain from them how much of (say) Scotch produce is now exported to a foreign country, how much an export to Hongkong, and how much domestic trade. One of the first duties of the officer appointed to the new department would be to summarize these Returns and show at a glance what was an export and what an import; to this he would add information, obtainable from other sources, showing the chief producing or buying centre of each. Produce of all kinds would in a large extent occupy his attention, but it would not be confined to the mere compiling of statistics. As an "official broker" his services would be invaluable. Nor need produce alone be dealt with; railway and mining concessions, the erection of public works in China as affording a scope for the profitable investment of British capital, would all be within his sphere.

We will not trespass on the reader's time and patience any longer by arguments which are a foregone conclusion. The need for a commercial attaché exists; an attempt has been made by the Foreign Office to supply the want, and it has failed. It now remains for us to see that the remedy is applied by the creation of a separate department and the appointment of a man to fulfil the duties required in it. The Chambers of Commerce, both at home and in the East, might with advantage give serious attention to this matter. An important point presenting itself for decision at the outset would be the principle on which the selection of the attaché should be made. Should we go to the Consul Service to find a man for the post, or try to secure one who has had a thorough commercial training, who understands business in its practical details, and whose sympathies and associations are with trade? Theoretically the latter would be the preferable, but we are at once confronted with the difficulty of finding a man possessing the qualifications we have mentioned and at the same time a knowledge of the Chinese language, without which his capacity for usefulness would be confined within narrower bounds than is desirable; and, furthermore, a merchant man thoroughly suitable for the post would probably do better for himself in trade than by accepting a Government appointment with a fixed salary. The choice seems therefore to be confined to the Consul Service, and fortunately there are several members of that body who have given evidence of aptitude for the work. Mr. Hume's interest in the products of China is well known, and his report on Formosa issued some years ago and his more recent report on the products and resources of Kwangsi indicate him as an eminently suitable man for the proposed office. Mr. Bourns has also contributed largely to our knowledge of the products of Western China. Some of the younger members of the Service are following in the steps of these pioneers and would be further encouraged to do so if ultimate appointment to the Bureau of Trade was held before them as amongst the prizes of the Service. If the Bureau should be established it is evident that the appointment

in connection with it must be made by selection from amongst those who have shown special aptitude and cannot go by order of seniority.

H.M.S. *Powerful* is expected to leave Hongkong on Monday next for Amoy.

The following official telegram has been received from H.B.M. Minister, Japan: "Medical inspection enforced in Japan against arrivals from Formosa."

The U.S. cruiser *Buffalo*, which left Philadelphia last week, and which was expected to return to Newport on Nov. 10th, is now being towed round to New York for repairs.

A telegraphic dispatch received at Shanghai by the local mandarin from N. Kinkou, outside the Great Wall, reports that General Sung Ching, Commander of the Wuyi Army Corps of 300,000 men, had been ordered to march for Shanhaikuan with the bulk of his force. This last-mentioned post has been closed by the Empress Dowager to General Sung Ching's headquarters in her grand scheme to surround Peking with a force of a million of troops equipped troops to oppose invasion from Manchuria or the Gulf. —N. C. Daily News.

On the 16th December two gunpowder magazines exploded at Hangchow, and the concussion was felt at Suowai, some 150 miles distant, at 4.45 p.m. The Director at Suowai, not having heard of the explosion at the time, attributed the trembling of the ground to an earthquake. There were two shocks at Suowai, one lasting five and the other fifteen seconds. The damage done at Hangchow was immense. The American Presbyterian Mission (Sung) premises were shattered, as were those of the Roman Catholic Mission, while houses five miles distant had the ceilings fall and the floors forced up.—Union.

A Nanking dispatch states as follows:—"H.E. Viscount Lin has reorganized the export duty on tea, which has been raised to the point of duty on the Nanking tea. The Foreign Affairs, owing to the increased degree of interference the Viscount has with the high officials of various nations, especially those from Great Britain, the United States, and other European nations, and well acquainted with foreign matters." With reference to the above the N. C. Daily News says it is, perhaps, not generally known that Sir Robert G. G. Gossage, who was at one time a collector of duties in Hongkong, which place he had to leave suddenly owing to the death of his wife, the late Mrs. Gossage, a better acquaintance with him. Sir Robert, then came north and joined the Viscount's service in Nanking. During the late war with Japan he was sent down to Shanghai to see to the export of tea, which was then a very important business, both Japanese and Chinese, the former being brought to hear on the victims being so cruel that it will be remembered that the Viscount was in the local Press at the time. Sir Robert's account was that the late Mrs. Gossage, then Consul-General here, taking this into account as well as the record in Hongkong as a collector of duties, actually refused to have anything to do with the tea trade, and the Viscount Lin about the objections foreign duty. The result was that Sir Robert was removed from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs. Nearly four years having now passed it is perhaps thought at Nanking that Sir Robert's services have been forgotten.

REUTERS TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."] LONDON, 28th December.

THE RUSSIAN-AMERICAN LOAN.
Russia has declined the terms of the United States for a loan.

SPAIN.
General Sagasta is suffering from pulmonary catarrh and his condition is causing anxiety.

FRANCE—THE INDO-CHINA RAILWAYS LOAN.
The Senate has passed the Indo-China railway loan.

ANNEXATION OF AN ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC BY THE UNITED STATES.
American warships have been ordered to take possession of Wake Island in the Pacific.

THE TRANSVAAL.
There is much indignation amongst the Transvaal at Johannesburg owing to the shooting of a European by the Boer policeman.

A meeting held by the Britishers led to a conflict with the Boers and strikers were treated severely. The meeting adopted a petition to the Queen praying for justice.

CRICKET.

UNITED SERVICES V. HONGKONG C.C.
Played on Saturday and Monday. Scores as follows:

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There were also present Messrs. J. Lister, Esq., Secretary, and Messrs. J. Lister, Esq., and Messrs. J. Lister, Esq., Directors.

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